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Notice of Filing and Public Hearing

D.T.E. 02-35

May 24, 2002

THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY

Petition of the The Connecticut Light and Power Company for Findings under Section 32(c) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935.

On May 17, 2002, The Connecticut Light and Power Company ("CL&P" or the "Company") filed a Petition with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") pursuant to 15 U.S.C.A. § 79z-5a of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 ("PUHCA") in connection with the sale of its interest in Seabrook Nuclear Station ("Seabrook Station"). The sale is contingent upon obtaining a determination from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that the generation assets are eligible facilities in order to qualify as exempt wholesale generators pursuant to Section 32(c) of the PUHCA.

For the Company's assets to qualify for eligible facility status, the public utility commission in each state where an electric company affiliate of CL&P operates must issue findings consistent with this requirement. Western Massachusetts Electric Company is an electric company affiliate of CL&P operating in Massachusetts.

CL&P has a 4.05985 percent ownership in Seabrook Station. Seabrook Station was offered for sale at a public auction conducted pursuant to Section 7(b) of Connecticut Public Act 98-28, 'An Act Concerning Electric Restructuring', and New Hampshire RSA 369-B:3, IV(b)(13).

For CL&P a copy of the Petition and supporting papers may be inspected at the offices of Attorney Stephen Klionsky, 101 Federal Street, 13th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 (Tel. 617/748-5140).

The Department will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the Petition and a procedural conference on the above-captioned matter on Friday, June 14th at 10 AM in its offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

Any person wishing to submit comments in writing on the Petition should file comments by June 12, 2002 with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. A copy of the comments should also be sent to Stephen Klionsky, 101 Federal Street, 13th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

Any person who desires to participate in any adjudicatory proceeding concerning this matter must file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on June 12, 2002. A petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department – not mailing – constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A late-filed petition may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.01 (4) for a waiver of the timing requirement. To be allowed, a petition to intervene filed pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.03 (1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

Any person desiring further information regarding this notice may contact:

_____, Hearing Officer
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, Massachusetts 02110
617/305-3500

By Order of the Department,

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary